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GERMAN PLEA TO END THE WAR IS TURNED DOWN

ORDER FOR POOLING OF TRAFFIC IS ENFORCED

EQUIPMENT AND TERMINALS TO BE USED IN COMMON; COMPETITION THING OF PAST.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary McAdoo today drafted the railroad war board into government service to evolve plans for the unified operation of railroads begun at noon, when approximately 250,000 miles of American railway systems were taken over and merged into one great continental chain for winning the war. The event, regarded as the opening of a new epoch in the government operation and control of public utilities, passed without formal ceremony.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Director General McAdoo was ready today with the first general order for the pooling of traffic, equipment and terminals at noon, when the control and operation of railroads for the duration of the war passed to the government. The order is designed to relieve congestion. The immediate result will be the elimination of competition. Traffic will be sent over the shortest lines.

Shipments will move directly to destination regardless of the company with which they originate. Terminals will be used in common to effect a maximum of efficiency. Speed and movement of freight will be the first duty of the director general. Retention of the present railroad officials seems assured, but the huge salaries of executives will be reduced and wages of operatives increased.

The president received from the chiefs of the four railway brotherhoods a pledge of loyalty to the government administration.

The government's attitude toward the brotherhoods' demands for a 40 per cent wage increase has not been disclosed. It is understood the president has assured them that railroad employees will not be called in the next or even the second draft.

It is indicated that the war board will continue as the operating body in charge of the railroads to be assisted by numerous committees. Secretary McAdoo will not issue new orders or directions immediately, but will await recommendations of the war board.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Railroad shares continued to advance today, although trading lacked the exciting features of yesterday.

U. S. AUTHORITIES TAKE OVER I. W. W. QUARTERS

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Federal authorities took charge of the I. W. W. headquarters here today in the search for evidence of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy. Four of the fifty men held by the police and the sheriff will be turned over to the immigration authorities.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS SIXTY-ONE YEARS OLD

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is today celebrating his sixty-first birthday, coincident with the taking over of the railroads.

\$50,000 FOR BUSH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Comiskey today offered the Boston Americans \$50,000 for Pitcher Bush.

HUGE RUSH OF BUY ORDERS RESULT OF R. R. ACQUISITION

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Wall street expressed unqualified indorsement of President Wilson's plan for the government to run the railroads, by a sweeping advance yesterday in the securities market. The upturn was one of the most sensational seen in years. The assurance of net earnings and of the maintenance of railroad properties were the factors of the government program which pleased investors and dealers in stocks and bonds.

The pessimism of the last few months over the railroad outlook gave way to enthusiasm when the rather unexpected news from Washington was read in the papers. Orders to buy poured into brokers' offices from over all the country and the market was primed for a big advance long before it opened.

Railroad shares, especially those under greatest depression in the widespread decline of recent months, recorded extreme gains of 5 to 10 points in the representative group. 12 to 18 points in the less active dividend issues and 3 to 13 points in numerous non-dividend stocks, including several not long out of their reorganization stage.

The bond market for rails kept pace with the movement on stocks, various underlying or junior issues advancing 3 to 3 1/2 points. Greatest gains in the bond list were made by the coaters, notably Eries, with substantial improvement in the convertible issues of secondary western and southwestern roads, including grangers and cotton carriers.

Industrial and utilities also benefited by the scope of the administration's program.

The total sales approximated 1,200,000 shares, the largest turnover on the bull side since the early months of the year.

TOO GENERAL IS PARIS COMMENT

TEUTON PEACE DECLARATION NOT RECEIVED FAVORABLY IN PARIS.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Temps appends to the text of the reply of the central powers to the Maximalist delegation this note:

"The conditions formulated by the central powers are in the domain of generalities and one is somewhat surprised that the Maximalists have not sought to obtain immediately more or less exact declarations upon the points which touch Russian interests closely. How does the German government and its allies intend to treat Poland, Lithuania and Courland, countries which have not lost their political independence during this war, but which have nevertheless, the right to independence? How is renunciation of all 'appropriation by force' to be reconciled with the ambitions distinctly affirmed by Bulgaria to Serbian, Greek and Rumanian territories? How will the restoration of Armenia to the Turks be compatible with the rights of the Armenians?"

"It will be all the more interesting to know these points, as thereby the sincerity of Germany's intention to restore Belgium's independence could be appreciated."

ON DEBTS OF OFFICERS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Regulations today by the war department deny to creditors of officers of the national army and national guard recourse to the military establishment in seeking adjustment of their claims. All military authorities are directed to disregard any obligation, transaction, domestic or personal, controversy relating to such officers before they entered the service and divisional commanders are instructed that only such matters involving these officers as fall within the provisions of the articles of war are to be considered by them.

All other controversies of transactions must be left to settlement by civil process.

BRITISH PREMIER REPLIES

SENDS STATEMENT ON WAR AIMS TO LABOR CONGRESS; JOINT REPLY INTIMATED.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 27.—(Thursday)—Foreign Minister Pinchon told the chamber of deputies today that France could not accept a peace based on conditions existing before the war, in replying to the German peace offer. He asserted Germany was endeavoring to involve France in negotiations with the Bolsheviks, but that the war would continue regardless of whether Russia made a separate peace.

Pinchon said Germany was seeking to protect the negotiations with Russia by re-establishing commercial relations in the meantime, believing by this way the Bolsheviks might be checked later.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George today sent a letter to the labor congress saying: "The achievement of the purpose for which the allies are fighting is essential to the future of the freedom and peace of mankind."

The statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer. Lloyd George said the entente governments constantly kept in view the question of issuing a fresh joint declaration on war aims.

(By Associated Press.)
ZURICH, Dec. 28.—The former premier of Hungary, writing on peace, says "from the moment we are free in the east the whole situation is changed and the central powers will also gain supremacy in the west. It is no longer possible for the Americans to give us the finishing stroke. She must now save the entente."

LATE NEWS

3:30 Dispatches

MYSTERIOUS GERMAN WOMAN.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—John Knox, arrested in connection with the killing of Herman Jakopich in a mountain canyon, told the authorities today, according to the sheriff, that the mysterious woman known as "H." alleged directress of the activities of Franz Schulerberg, held in San Francisco as a spy, was a German woman whose husband lived in a remote mountain cabin. He said he and Jakopich had quarreled over her Christmas present.

A GERMAN RUSE.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A semi-official Rome dispatch declares Germany's creation of the so-called commission to protect works of art in invaded Italy is only a cloak to conceal looting of art works.

POOLING NOT FAVORED.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the war board, said today the pooling of traffic was "a relic of the dark ages" and doubted whether it can be successfully accomplished, as all the railroads have more traffic than they can handle. They believe they are now operating the roads as efficiently as can be done under government or any sort of control.

HOOVER RUNS OUT?

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—When the senate committee investigating the sugar shortage today called the food administrator to testify, a letter was presented saying Hoover, who had repeatedly attempted to be heard previously, had "learned through the press" he was to testify, but had been called to New York.

HISTORY IS GREATEST ENEMY OF PRUSSIA SAYS FRENCHMAN

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—"Germany's greatest and most terrible enemy," said Major Louis Aubert, a member of the French high commission to the United States, in an address before the American Historical association in convention here yesterday, "is not England or France or the United States. It is history—the written memories of man—the record of her own deeds as it shall exist for posterity."

"No nation could survive with such an enemy," said the distinguished Frenchman—and his intimation was that Germany's real battle for existence will begin after the war is over.

"History," Major Aubert said, "not hatred, justified France in her determination to obtain Alsace-Lorraine. History has stood up constantly to lift a warning hand to direct the suspicion and dislike of the world against Germany for the deeds of the past. And history as it is being written of this war will make the future of the German rulers a difficult and terrible experience."

FAULTS OF RAIL COMPETITION TO BE ELIMINATED

UNDER TRAFFIC POOLING ALL FREIGHT WILL MOVE OVER SHORTEST ROUTES.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Under the traffic pooling plan to be worked out by Secretary McAdoo as director general of railroads, freight will move over the shortest and most convenient routes, regardless of the individual interests of the roads. Since earnings as well as facilities will be pooled this system can be pursued to an extreme limit, officials pointed out, without endangering the revenues of any line. Earnings will be pooled and paid out on the basis of pre-war returns regardless of how much freight a railroad actually moves.

Railroad experts admit that there is a great loss of efficiency in competition. Freight often is billed over a particular line when it might be

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BAKER DENIES HIS CANDIDACY

MINT DIRECTOR NOT OUT FOR SENATORSHIP; BOYLE MENTIONED AGAIN.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Director of the Mint Ray Baker officially denied today that he is a candidate to succeed the late Senator Newlands. It was rumored Governor Boyle might resign and take the Nevada vacancy.

MOST OF ARMY GET WRONG SHOES

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The development of "liberty feet" by some soldiers at home and in France has caused the quartermaster's department to add sizes 13 and 14 to stocks of shoes. The old maximum was 12.

The war department report shows that only 15 per cent of more than 20,000 examined were found to be correctly fitted with marching shoes. Reasons for misfits included the inclination of some to choose shoes too small, faults in supervision of fitting, insufficient number of larger and narrower shoes, and incorrect markings by manufacturers.

PEACE UP TO THE ALLIES

RUSS SEIZE ALL BANKS

PETROGRAD BRANCH OF NATIONAL CITY INCLUDED AND AMERICAN MANAGER JAILED.

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—(Thursday)—Acting under an order from the Bolshevik finance commissioner, soldiers today seized all the private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City bank of New York. R. R. Stevens, the manager, was arrested and detained temporarily when he refused to surrender the keys to the vaults.

The Red Guards gathered at the banks and barred the entrances at the time for opening. Later they entered under the leadership of the minister of finance and a cessation of work was ordered, as well as surrender of papers and keys. There was no resistance in most cases.

Stevens insisted his bank had only small safes. He was permitted to return to the bank after his arrest. The directors arrested were accused of sabotage.

Telephone service was stopped for an hour throughout the city. Minister Monshinsky said he had decided to occupy the banks when he found the weekly statements they had been sending the state bank "were incorrect." He said he would "revise the activity of private banks and then see they resumed business properly."

Within the Russian empire fighting between the revolutionary elements continues at several points, while the Bolshevik troops at Harbin, Manchuria, have been defeated in battle by the Chinese, who captured the garrison. Apparently distrustful of the Rumanians, Ukrainians, who are opposed to the Bolsheviks, have occupied several Rumanian divisional headquarters, on the battle front, disarming those of the Rumanians who offered resistance.

CLOTHING FOR A MILLION NEEDED

SHARPE MAKES FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OF SHORTAGES FOR FIGHTERS.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Criticism of the system of the war department and council of national defense in securing clothing and other supplies for the army was renewed by members of the senate military committee yesterday during further examination of Maj. Gen. Sharpe, quartermaster general.

General Sharpe said in response to questions that his approval of contracts negotiated by the council's supplies committee was to an extent perfunctory and none had ever been disapproved. He defended the establishment of the civilian committee, however, as a necessity because of the enormous task involved in handling war orders for the expanding army.

Shortages of winter clothing, General Sharpe attributed largely to belated deliveries on account of garment makers' strikes and lack of special machinery in private factories, and to the decision to send American soldiers to France earlier than originally planned.

Orders to clothe more than 1,950,000 men have been given, General Sharpe stated, and early next year it is expected to have on hand enough for 1,300,000. Overcoat deliveries, he said, were 48 per cent behind contract on last November 30.

NO COAL FOR SCHOOLS.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—A request that the reopening of the public schools after the Christmas recess be postponed from January 2 to January 7, on account of the coal shortage, was sent to all school committees in the state by James J. Storow, New England fuel administrator, yesterday.

THREE DAYS OF SNOW IN AMERICAN SECTOR

(By Associated Press.)
WITH AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 27.—(Thursday)—For three days snow has fallen intermittently throughout the American zone. The storm has interfered with train troops and communications. At times the snow was accompanied by a strong wind. Many roads are impassable because of drifts. No serious difficulty has been experienced in supplying troops in outlying districts.

FURLOUGHS RESCINDED

AMERICAN FIGHTERS TO GET NO LEAVES FROM LINE; NO REASON GIVEN.

(By Associated Press.)
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 27.—(Thursday)—Under orders from general headquarters the divisional headquarters of the American forces today issued orders suspending Paris leave for all officers and men. No explanation was given.

(By Associated Press.)
Once again the Germans have endeavored to break the French front on the Verdun sector, but again have failed. Two assaults delivered north of the Caurieres wood failed. The Germans at one point succeeded in penetrating a French front line trench, but were immediately ejected. On the Northern Italian front there has been abatement in the artillery activity between the Asiago plateau and the Brenta river, but the intensive duels between the Brenta and the Piave continue. The infantry forces of the belligerents are virtually inactive.

Austro-German air squadrons attempting to bomb the Venetian plain towns of Treviso and Monte Belluno suffered the loss of eleven planes in a fight over Monte Belluno lost three machines. All the British and Italian aircraft returned safely to their bases. Little damage was done by the bombs dropped by the fliers.

ALLEGED THIEVES OF ARMY CLOTH CAUGHT

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Louis Davidson, proprietor of a cloth shrinking and refinishing works in this city, was locked up in the Tombs prison last night on a charge of embezzling government property. The arrest was made in connection with the disappearance of 350 bolts of olive drab uniform cloth, valued at \$50,000, which for several months had puzzled the quartermaster's department of the army.

The quartermaster's department is said to have known for several months that cloth was being stolen, but because of the fact that accounts apparently had been altered to cover up the shortage, the problem was puzzling. Information of several sales below cost is said to have been obtained.

Detectives said they believed other sponging houses would be involved and that the cloth stolen will amount to \$500,000 in value.

MEXICAN RAIDS INSPIRED BY GERMAN PLOTTERS

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—A reliable report was received last night that the Mexican bandit raids into the Big Bend district of Texas were being inspired by Germans now operating south of the border in conjunction with American draft evaders. Federal officials are making a careful investigation of this report.

TREATY TO ENTENTE

TEUTONS WELCOME RUSSIAN TERMS, BUT BULGARIA WANTS CONQUEST.

(By Associated Press.)
The Russo-German peace delegates have recessed to January 4, when they will resume conferences at a place as yet undetermined.

The Bolshevik foreign minister is reported as preparing an appeal to the entente joint conference. It is indicated that the Bolshevik hope of retaining power is based on the consummation of a peace that will meet the wishes of the Russians, thus weakening Cossack and Ukrainian opposition.

While Teuton newspapers warmly received the statement of no forcible annexations, an Amsterdam dispatch says King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has announced Bulgaria will hold the territory she has won.

4 CARLOADS OF ARMY GIFTS ARE DELAYED

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 28.—Four carloads of Christmas mail which arrived at a French port from the United States were forwarded yesterday for delivery at the headquarters of the regimental units of the American expeditionary forces. The bulk of the Christmas mail, which consisted of thirty thousand sacks and required ninety freight cars to move, was delivered at the headquarters of the various units on or before Christmas day, but a storm at sea delayed for three days the arrival of the mail sent forward yesterday.

Besides the mail delivered by the army post office there were several carloads of large packages, each weighing more than seven pounds, which were handled by the quartermaster's department.

INCREASE OF SHIPPING.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Clearances of American merchantmen from this country in the overseas trade increased more than 1,500,000 tons during the ten months of 1917, as compared with the same period last year, figures issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show. There was a decrease, however, in total clearances, the figures being 42,686,787 for the ten months this year as against 45,064,838 in the same period the previous year.

ORDERED TO THE FRONT.

(By Associated Press.)
PALO ALTO, Dec. 28.—Major Bugge, in charge of military instruction at Stanford university, was today ordered to proceed to France for active service.

BUTLER THEATRE

TO-NIGHT WHO IS THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL?

Eluding the most careful searchers of two nations, he pursues his career of rescuing the condemned during the Reign of Terror. DUSTIN FARNUM, in "THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL," "THE FIGHTING TRAIL." Tenth episode. Unquestionably the most thrilling and realistic of all previous numbers. See it today.

TOMORROW Louise Glaum, in "Isolators." Sunday—Pauline Frederick, in "The Love That Lives." Matinee 1:30. Night 7 & 8:30. Admission 10c and 15c.